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SKID ROW  
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The Fiend  
From Outer  
Space



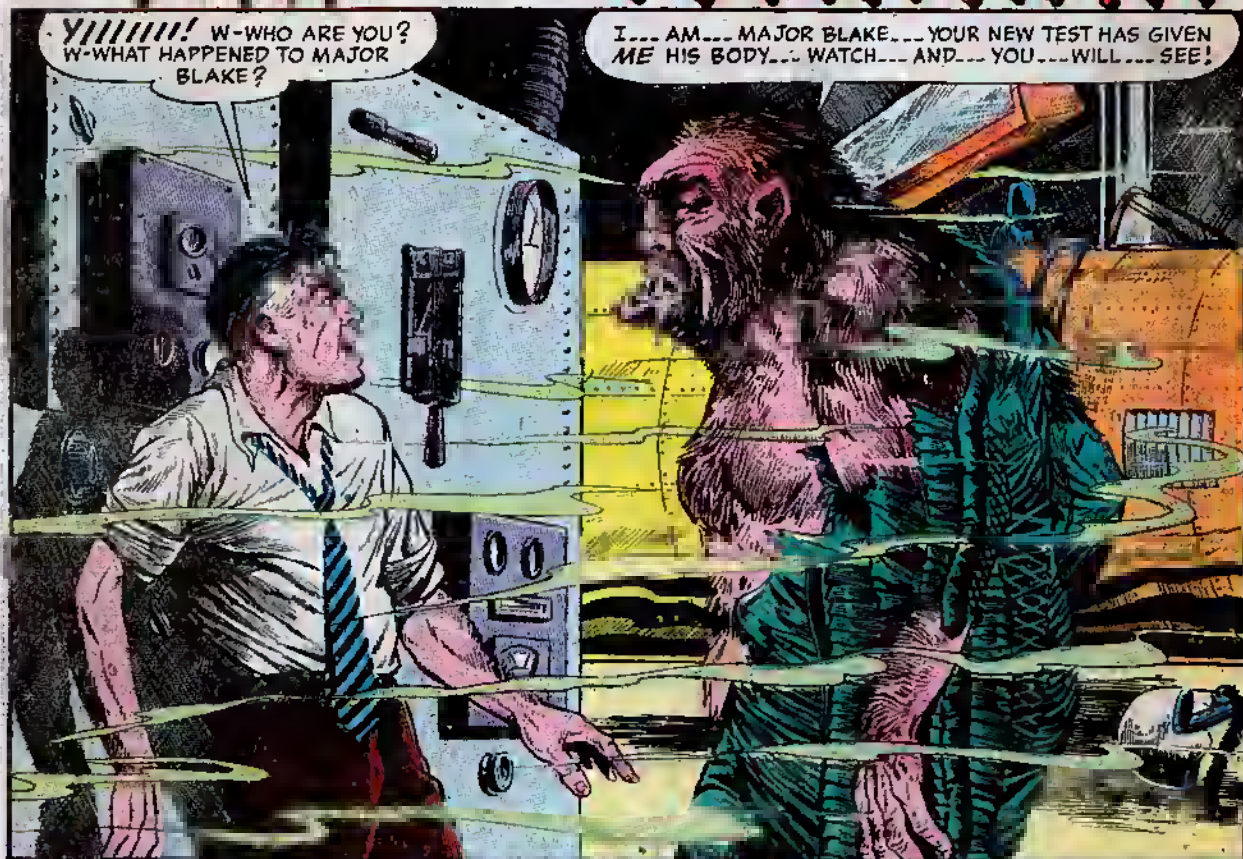


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**N**OTHING COULD STOP THE CREATURE THAT WAS SPEWED FORTH FROM ROCKET TEST # 34253! THE BOUNDARIES OF A NEW WORLD HAD BEEN OPENED UP TO HIM AND NOTHING COULD HOLD BACK HIS HORDES OF HORROR... FOR ONLY ONE HUMAN KNEW THAT HE EXISTED... ONE MORTAL MAN WHO HAD SEEN THE TERROR OF...

# The FIEND from OUTER SPACE



**D**EEP IN THE NEW MEXICO DESERT HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EXAMINE A VITAL NEW MACHINE!

WELL, MARTIN, THERE IT IS... THE LATEST MACHINE TO DUPLICATE ROCKET FLIGHT AND TEST POSSIBLE APPLICANTS FOR FUTURE SPACE TRAVEL!

YOU'LL BE COMPLETELY IN CHARGE, MARTIN, AND AGAIN LET ME WARN YOU THAT THIS MACHINE CAN SUBMIT A MAN TO TWENTY TIMES THE FORCE OF GRAVITY... HIGHER THAN ANY PREVIOUS TEST MACHINE!



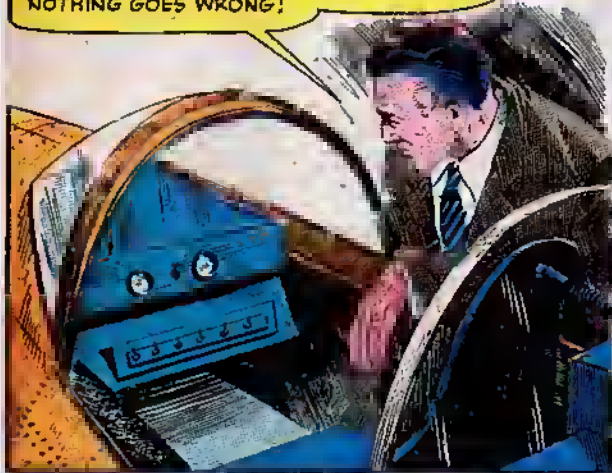
IT'S OPERATION WILL REQUIRE THE UTMOST CAUTION TO AVOID FATALITIES! TOMORROW YOUR THREE PILOT APPLICANTS WILL ARRIVE!

DON'T WORRY, SIR, I'LL OBSERVE EXTREME CAUTION IN SUBMITTING THEM TO THE TESTS!





FRIGHTENING... A MAN SPUN FASTER THAN A TOP UNTIL HIS BODY TAKES ON TEN, FIFTEEN, TWENTY TIMES HIS OWN WEIGHT! I... MUST BE **POSITIVE** NOTHING GOES WRONG!



NEXT DAY, DOUG MARTIN INTERVIEWS THE FIRST OF THE TEST VOLUNTEERS!

MAJOR BLAKE, THIS MEETING IS JUST TO FAMILIARIZE YOU WITH THE GRAVITY MACHINE! ON THIS TEST RUN I'LL MERELY PUT YOU THROUGH A FORCE OF FIVE G'S TO ACQUAINT YOU WITH THIS OPERATION!

OKAY, MR. MARTIN, FROM THE LOOKS OF THAT CONTRAPTION SHE'LL TAKE A LOT OF GETTING USED TO!



THEN, THE MAJOR ENTERS THE COCKPIT...

THROUGH THE VIEW PLATE I'LL BE ABLE TO WATCH YOUR FACE EVERY MOMENT FOR SIGNS OF STRAIN! THERE WON'T BE ANY DANGER THIS RUN BUT WE'LL TEST HER OUT! READY?

LET HER RIP!



THE COMPLICATED MACHINERY IS SET INTO MOTION!

THE GREAT STEEL ARM SWINGS THE MAJOR ABOUT THE CIRCULAR HOUSING!

TWO G'S MAJOR... I'M FEEDING HER MORE POWER! HOW ARE YOU?

FINE! DON'T EVEN FEEL DIZZY!



FASTER, FASTER THE GRAVITY MACHINE ROTATES IN THE CHAMBER...

THREE G'S... FOUR G'S, MAJOR... I'LL LEVEL YOU OFF AT FIVE...

RIDING COMFORTABLY SO FAR!



SUDDENLY, A SEARING BLAST RIPS OPEN THE CONTROL PANEL...

WHA...? G-GREAT GOSH!

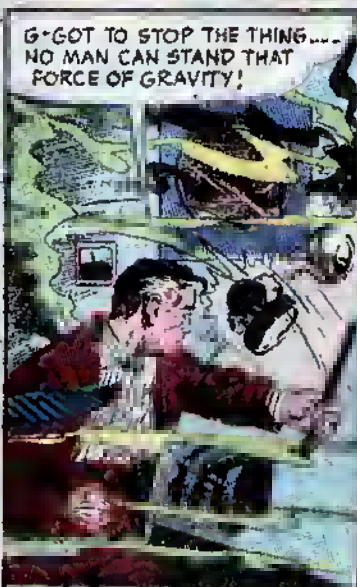
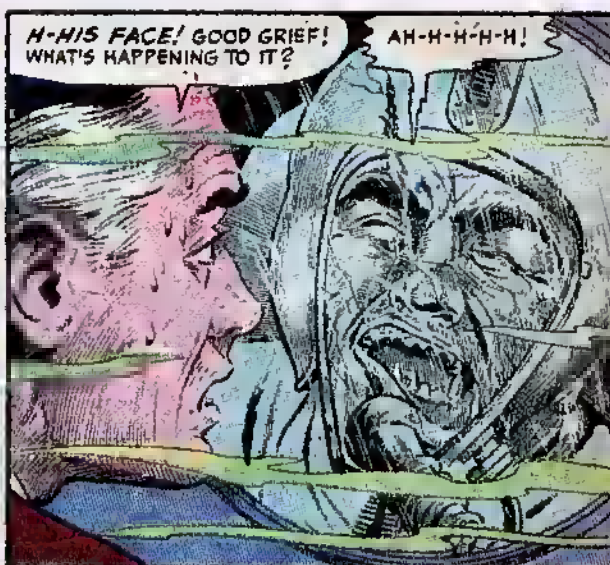
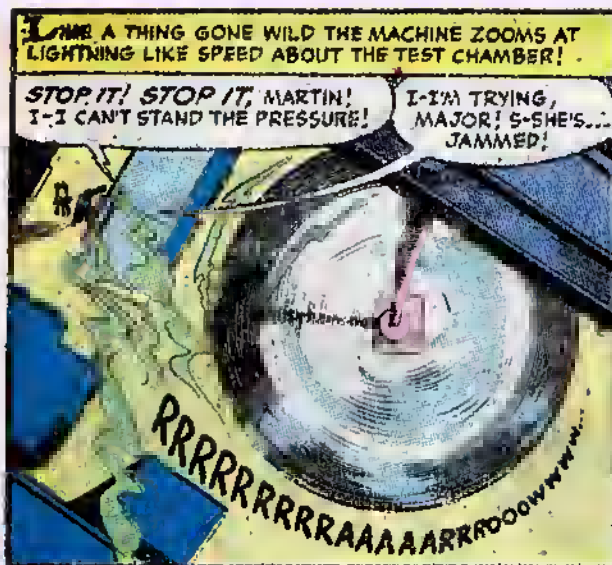


THEN... W-WHAT'S HAPPENED?

SHE'S SHORT CIRCUITED, MAJOR! G-GREAT THUNDER...S-SHE'S GONE WILD... TEN G'S!











STOP! STOP OR I'LL SHOOT!

DO...NOT...FIRE...  
YOUR...GUN!

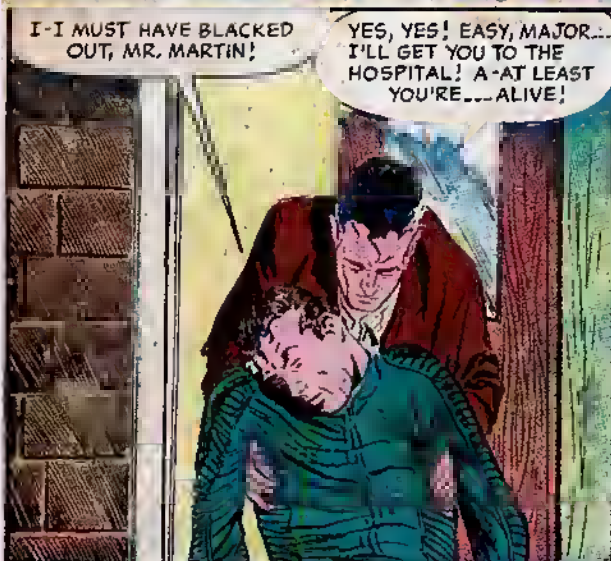


SUDDENLY...

G-GREAT HEAVENS...  
I-IT'S CHANGING  
FORM...

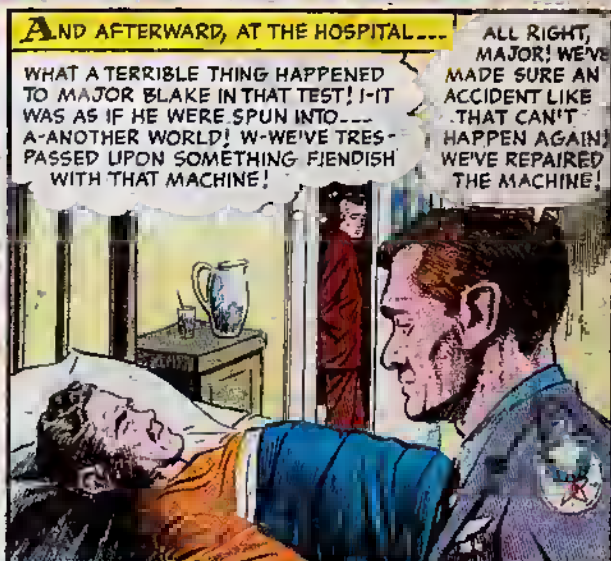


THANK HEAVENS! H-HE'S HIMSELF  
AGAIN! MAJOR BLAKE!



I-I MUST HAVE BLACKED  
OUT, MR. MARTIN!

YES, YES! EASY, MAJOR...  
I'LL GET YOU TO THE  
HOSPITAL! A-AT LEAST  
YOU'RE...ALIVE!



AND AFTERWARD, AT THE HOSPITAL...

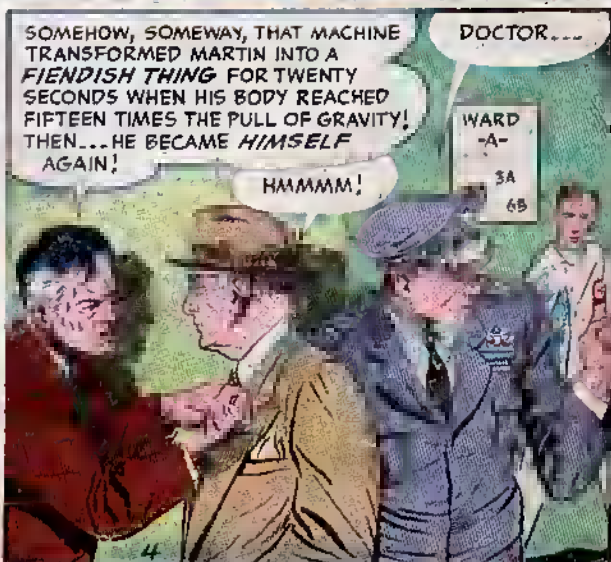
WHAT A TERRIBLE THING HAPPENED  
TO MAJOR BLAKE IN THAT TEST! I-IT  
WAS AS IF HE WERE SPUN INTO...  
A-ANOTHER WORLD! W-W-E'VE TRES-  
PASSED UPON SOMETHING FIENDISH  
WITH THAT MACHINE!

ALL RIGHT,  
MAJOR! WE'VE  
MADE SURE AN  
ACCIDENT LIKE  
THAT CAN'T  
HAPPEN AGAIN!  
WE'VE REPAIRED  
THE MACHINE!



NOW, MARTIN, WHAT'S ALL  
THIS FANTASTIC TALK I  
HEAR YOU'VE BEEN SPOUT-  
ING ABOUT MONSTERS  
AND THINGS?

NOT TALK, MR. ANDREWS,  
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN  
EYES! MAJOR BLAKE  
CHANGED INTO A HID-  
EOUS CREATURE IN  
THAT MACHINE!



SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, THAT MACHINE  
TRANSFORMED MARTIN INTO A  
FIENDISH THING FOR TWENTY  
SECONDS WHEN HIS BODY REACHED  
FIFTEEN TIMES THE PULL OF GRAVITY!  
THEN...HE BECAME HIMSELF  
AGAIN!

DOCTOR...

HAMMM!

WARD  
-A-  
3A  
6B





DON'T BE ALARMED, MARTIN, SOMETIMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HANDLING SUCH A PROJECT CAN CAUSE THESE ILLUSIONS! NOW, WITH A LITTLE REST...

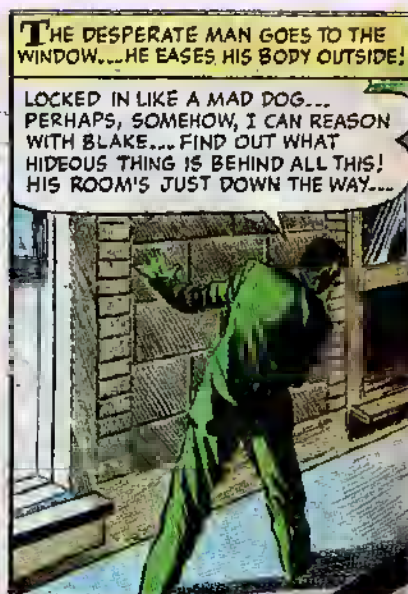
GREAT SCOTT! YOU THINK I'M MAD, DON'T YOU! I TELL YOU I SAW THAT CREATURE!

EASY, MR. MARTIN!



THUS, MARTIN IS HOSPITALIZED - WITH HIS TERRIBLE SECRET!

LOCKED IN LIKE AN INSANE PERSON! OF COURSE! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE ME! IT'S... TOO FANTASTIC! I MUST GET TO MAJOR BLAKE... FIND OUT IF HE RECALLS HIS HORRIBLE TRANSFORMATION!



THE DESPERATE MAN GOES TO THE WINDOW... HE EASES HIS BODY OUTSIDE!

LOCKED IN LIKE A MAD DOG... PERHAPS, SOMEHOW, I CAN REASON WITH BLAKE... FIND OUT WHAT HIDEOUS THING IS BEHIND ALL THIS! HIS ROOM'S JUST DOWN THE WAY...



THEN...

BLAKE... MAJOR BLAKE... YA-A-A-A!

WELCOME, MARTIN... I... HAVE... BEEN EXPECTING... YOU!



W-WHAT MANNER OF A FIEND ARE YOU? A-ARE YOU BLAKE... O-OR ARE YOU A DEMON?

THE NEW... GRAVITATION MACHINE... HAS... OPENED YOUR WORLD TO MY WORLD... MARTIN! YOU... HAVE SPUN BLAKE BEYOND... THE EONS OF YOUR TIME... INTO OURS!



WHEN... BLAKE'S BODY... CROSSED... THE BOUNDARIES TO... OUR WORLD I TOOK... POSSESSION OF IT! ONLY... YOU CAN KNOW THIS... FOR I CAN CHANGE... TO HIS FORM AT WILL!

G-GREAT HORRORS! WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE? WHY HAVE YOU INVADED MY WORLD?



I CAME TO DESTROY! FOOL! WE'LL CONQUER YOUR WORLD!

I-IN BLAKE'S BODY YOU'LL SABOTAGE US! NO, NO! I MUST TELL THE WORLD... I MUST WARN THEM!





MUST TELL THEM... MUST TELL THEM!

RUN... MORTAL FOOL... THEY... WILL PUT YOU IN... THE MAD HOUSE! NONE... WILL BELIEVE... YOU! THEY WILL SEE... ONLY... MAJOR BLAKE!

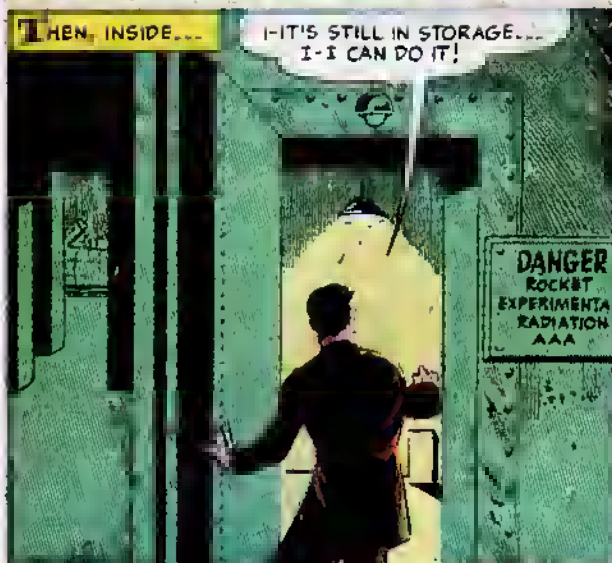


W-WAIT... GET HOLD OF YOURSELF, MARTIN! THIS MONSTER IS HIDING IN MAJOR BLAKE'S BODY! NOBODY... NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE YOU! THEY DON'T EVEN NOW! T-THERE'S... ONLY ONE THING TO DO... ONE THING THAT CAN KEEP THAT HORDE OF HELL AWAY!



**FEAR SPEEDS THE FRANTIC SCIENTIST TO THE ROCKET RESEARCH BUILDING...**

T-THANK HEAVENS I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE PLACE... THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET IN UNOBSERVED!

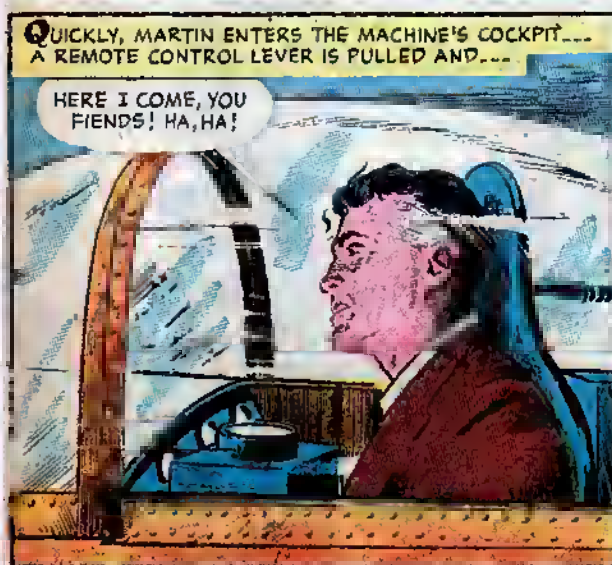


**THEN, INSIDE...**

IT'S STILL IN STORAGE... I-I CAN DO IT!



ALL RIGHT, YOU DEVILS, I'M COMING AFTER YOU! TWO CAN PLAY AT YOUR GAME! YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL SEE!



**QUICKLY, MARTIN ENTERS THE MACHINE'S COCKPIT... A REMOTE CONTROL LEVER IS PULLED AND...**

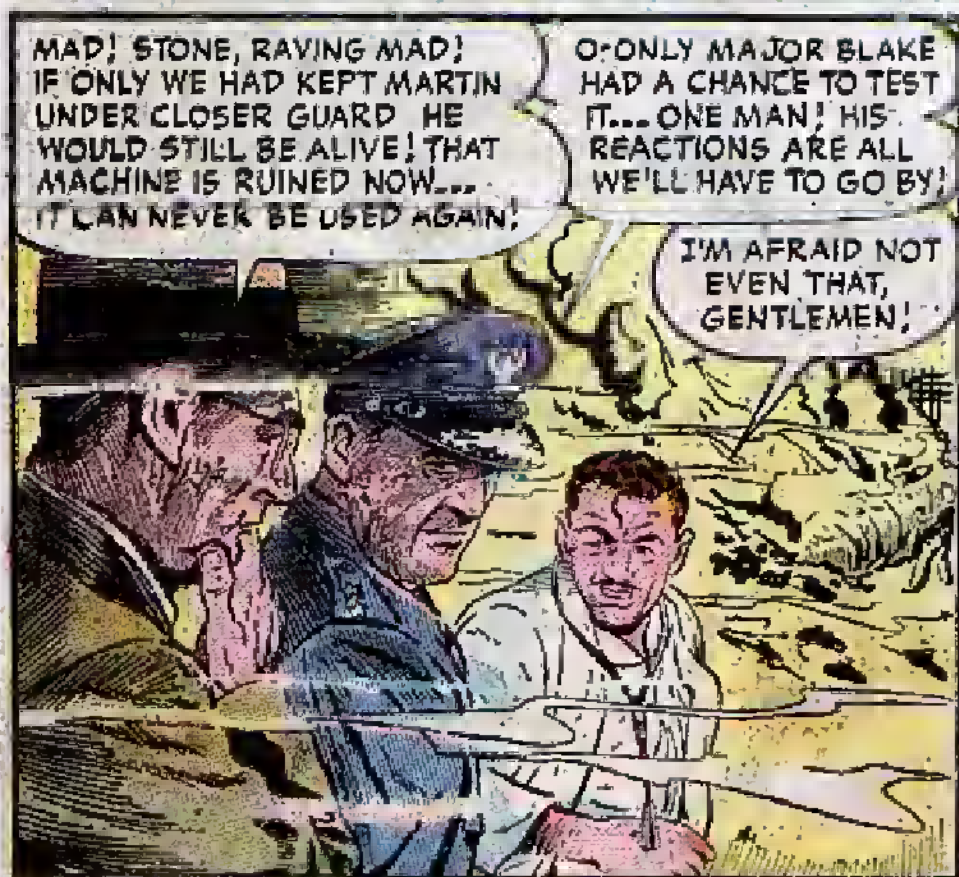
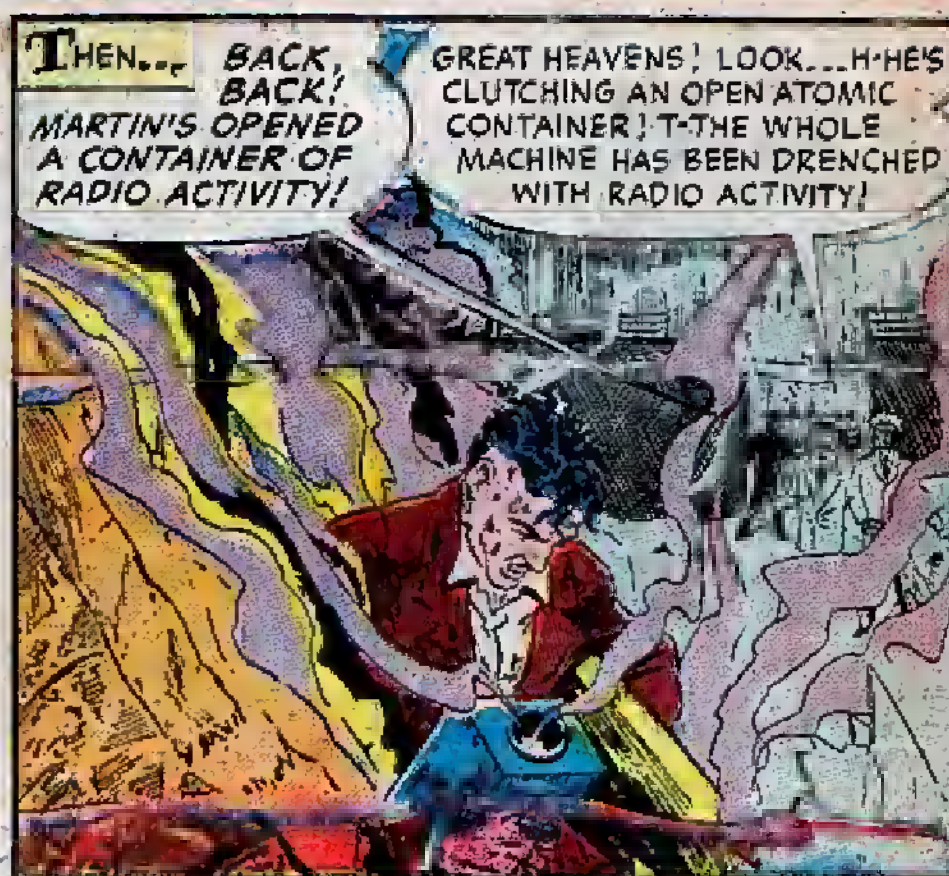
HERE I COME, YOU FIENDS! HA, HA!

**FULL POWER SURGES THROUGH THE MACHINE; AT A FANTASTIC SPEED IT SWIRLS ABOUT THE HAMMER CARRYING THE SCREAMING ENGINEER!**



TWELVE... THIRTEEN... FOURTEEN G'S... ALMOST THERE... ALMOST THERE!







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